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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22314-1450

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action of April, 2008. Please note the following:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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